

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN DELAWARE SCHOOLS

Whereas, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education declared November 13-17, 2006 as International Education Week, in observance of the contributions international education has brought to our nation; and

Whereas, the Delaware Department of Education held the Delaware Summit on International Educational Education on April 27, 2006, to celebrate and promote international education in the Delaware educational system; and

Whereas, international education and exchange offer students thousands of programs, that bring ideas and experiences across borders to include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies and global approaches to U.S. education; and

Whereas, participation in these programs help our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and break down barriers to bring more global cooperation, which is vital to peace and prosperity; and

Whereas, the Delaware Department of Education has signed a Memoranda of Understanding with the Cultural and Educational Division of the Embassies of the People's Republic of China and Spain, in order to encourage our teachers and students to participate in programs overseas; and

Whereas, we live in an interconnected world, where improvements in global literacy among our citizens will contribute to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security.

Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare November 13 – 17, 2006

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Delaware and urge all Delawareans to recognize this week and participate in celebrations that promote the importance of international education in our lives and our communities.

Rath Ann Minner

John C. Carney, Jr.

Lieutenant Governor

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